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RE:

APPLICANT: Samii et al.
FOR: Shutdown separators with improved properties
App. No. 10/709,545
ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER: AMS-004

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the formalities letter dated 07/02/2004, please amend the Specification paragraph as shown *infra*.